## ORGANIZATION OF RETAIL MERCHANTS

After Hearing Addresses by Richmond and Norfolk Men, Petersburg Dealers Take Action.

SHOOTS WIFE WITH PISTOL

Mrs. J. A. Burnett Painfully Wounded by Accidental Discharge of Revolver

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., May 28 .- A large PETERSEURG, VA., May 28.—A large number of representative retail merchants of Petersburg got together tonight at the bail of the Chamber of Commerce and organized a Retail Merchants' Association, electing the following officers: President, Edward Eigenbrun; Vice-President, E. C. Kent; Secretary, J. E. Whithorne, On motion of T. F. Knock and T. Stanley Beckwith, the meeting decided to authorize the president and vice-president to appoint a committee of ten, who shall elect a secretary, subject to the approval of the association. The committee will constitute the boar dof directors.



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unprecedented conditions existing there.

"I am not guilty of the charge whereof I stand indicted. Upon a full and fair investigation it will be found that I am entitled to an acquittal. The motion for a change of venue is not made for the purpose of delay, or to secure any improper advantage whatever, but simply and solely for the purpose of securing an orderly and unprojudiced trial of the case, than which nothing can be of more vital and supreme importance to me."

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A great many more affidavits from citizens of the county were read by Mr. Lee, all reciting that the sentiment against the prisoner in the county was so strong that he could not obtain a fair trial in Nelson. It was about dinner time now, but owing to the fact that the return of an indictment cantal that the return of an indictment cantal that the defendant's ball bond, the cells very good for two of three days—have been sort of chilly and feverish, and have been sort of chilly and feverish.

ply the bond many times in order to allow him to remain at large. The former bond was \$5,000.

Mr. Harmon, in opposing the motion to grant buil, add there was no desire to persecute the defendant, the prosecution simply wanted the law followed. The intent of the law is not to punish a man before he is tried, said the judge. He thought the matter one in which the court had absolute discretion. He would grant ball in \$10,000.

Afternoon Session.

Mr. Harmon proceeded at once to DID NOT SEE FAMILY FOR THIRTY YEARS

Death of Guy W. McAlister, a Federal Veteran, Brings to Light Interesting Story.

LIBELS STEAMER HEAVILY

Captain Simmons, of the 'Walker," Seeks to Recover \$20,000 from Bay Line.

Arterneon Session.

Mr. Harmon proceeded at once to read an affidavit from Commonwealth's Attorney Whitehead to exonerate him from the charge that he had been undily active in prosecuting the case. The affidavit set forth that Mr. Whitehead was one of the few who were present at the hearing before the ball commissioner; that he had written out his recollection of the statement made by Judgo Loving on that occasion at the request of John Swanson, and that he had afterwards copied on his typewriter a statement, incorporating in it the evidence given before the commissioner. This statement appeared in the press and was given out by the Estes family.

Mr. Whitchead said he copied the statement as a matter of accommodation. NORFOLK, VA., May 28,-The death of Guy W. McAllister, at his home in this city, pecalls an Interesting

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Mr. E. L. Kidd, clerk of the court, deposed that there were several persons employed in his office, one of whom had qualified as deputy clerk. He had not observed evidences of bad temper in Lovingston. Cross-examined by Mr. Lee, he said he had not heard more than four persons of Lovoft them had notshrdletnoiffmythapapor ingston mention the case to him; many of them had not expressed an opinion as to the case. He admitted he condemned Judge Loving.

Judge Gordon testified that as soon as he heard of the traged, he determined he would not sit in the case, owing to former unpleasant relations which bed federagement in this city, recalls an interesting story. He was in the sevenicity year of his wife and three schildrens—story. He was in the sevenicity year of his age, his surviving family consisting of his wife and three childrens—string of his wife and three childrens—string of his wife and three childrens—and Extend three for several, years. When he was over, being a volunteer Federal officer, he was mustered out of the navy, and concluded to move back to the North, from which section he had come. His wife remained in the South, for over thirty years.

Some eight or ton years ago he remained in the South, in the sevenicity year.

owing to former unpleasant relations with Judge Loving, the recollection of which had faded from his mind.

Not Do Violence.

As chief peace officer of the county, he felt it his duty to ascertain the sentiment of the county. He had not discovered any evidences of intent or inclination to do violence to Judge Loving. He thought the Aefendant cruld secure a fair trial in Lovingston, Judge Gordon admitted, on cross-examination, that the statement signed by W. J. Shipman had changed public sontiment to a feeling against the defendant to the United States District Court turned to this section and tried to find his family in Portsmouth, but failed to find his family in Portsmouth, but failed

the United States District Court against the Bay Line steamer Columbia by Captain John Simmons, master of the three-masted schooner William L. Walker, for injuries done to his vessel in a collision off Old Point Sunday morning, when the Columbia rawmed the schooner and sank her. It is alleged by the captain of the schooner that just after his vessel had been rammed by the Columbia no assistance on the part of the officers of the steamer was offered him or his

Man Charged With Killing Miss Ann Hall Under Arrest in Himois, [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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DANVILLE, VA., May 28.—The Federal autherities of Patrick county will at once arrange to have brought back to this State Grover Beamer, who was yesterday arrested in Hampshire, Jil., charged with complicity in the murder of Miss Ann Hall, of Patrick county. The crime, which it is alleged Zeamer, together with William E. Rakes and others, committed, is one of the most brutal ever heard of in this section. The motive for the crime, it is said, is a suspicion of certain partier in the mob that young Pete Hall, a nephew of the two women, was a spy in the employ of the United States revenue service to detect violation of the Federal statules by illicit distillers.

Annual Session of Grand Lodge Being Hele in Lynchburg—Cordially Welcomed.

Dome of Chatham Institute.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHATHAM, VA., May 28.—John A.
Shelton, a carpenter, forty-five years
old, died suddenly to-day while at work
on the dome of the Chatham Episcopal
Institute. His fellow-workmen caught
him while sinking to the scaffold, and
prevented his lifeless body falling fifty

CONTESTED CASES COME UP TO-DAY

Spirited Fight Over Granting of Three Liquor Licenses Will Be Waged.

so strong that he could not obtain a fair trial in Nelson. It was about dinner time now, but owing to the fact that the return of an indictment canceled the defendant's ball bond, the subject of granting ball had to be disposed of before adjournment.

The court said he would hear argument on this point, and Mr. Harmon was proceeding to argue it, when Mr. Lee said the defense would admit there was no ball bond in existence and would apply for ball.

Mr. Harmon said be thought the question of ball would involve discussion of all facts of the case, but Judge Barksale said he did not think to Mr. Whitched proceeded to read authorities to show that the general practice is to refuse ball in a capital case.

Mr. Moore said the Virginia statute did not restrain the discretion of the court in this matter, and in Virginia li was quite a usual practice to grant ball. Deferdant was ready to multi-The hearing of the contested applications



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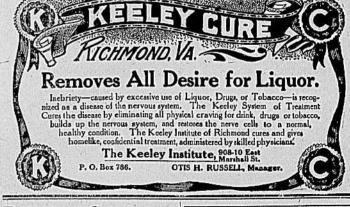
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